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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 31, 1964

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY CONCERNING
MARTIN LUTHER KING BEFORE THE
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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The Attorney General called and stated that during the course of his testimony yesterday on the Justice Department appropriation, he learned that there had been previous testimony before the Committee concerning the subversive affiliations of Martin Luther King. He said something was mentioned about a report having been withdrawn and he asked whether this had anything to do with the report he had discussed with the Bureau some time ago. He wanted to know if there was anything on the record with regard to such testimony.

After checking with Mr. Mohr, the Attorney General was informed that there was absolutely nothing on the record insofar as the Bureau was concerned in regard to this matter. It was pointed out that the House Subcommittee had been concerned about some film which USIA was going to distribute abroad, in which Martin Luther King played a particular part, and because of this the Director had been asked about King's background. The comments in this regard, however, were off the record.

The Attorney General seemed completely satisfied with this, as he said just to forget he ever asked about it.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

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Re New York teletype 6/26/64, captioned as above.

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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable position of these informants in furnishing information of this nature. b(2) b(7)(D)

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New York, New York
June 26, 1964

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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On June 25, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Martin Luther King, Jr., contacted Clarence Jones on that date. King mentioned that "they" (the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and those demonstrating against segregation in St. Augustine, Florida), are having a tough time in St. Augustine. He stated that there is a complete breakdown of law and order, and King remarked that "it is getting tough on non-violence". King stated that the Klan (the Ku Klux Klan) "is making a showdown down here and the federal government has not done a thing".

King told Jones that forty people were beaten that evening, and he added that this was the worst night which they had ever had. King remarked that the Klan (Ku Klux Klan) is very close to the police (in St. Augustine). King indicated that the demonstrators are the people being beaten and that they are also the people being placed in jail.

King remarked that the reporters (newspaper reporters covering the situation in St. Augustine) say that if federal troops are not brought in "it is going to be bloody". In this connection, King said he is going to have many telegrams poured

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
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into the White House. Jones replied that Johnson (President Johnson) is very sensitive to public opinion, and he remarked that King is the most powerful Negro leader. Jones instructed King to continue to make sharp statements to the press blaming the federal government for not doing more.

King stated that they (the Ku Klux Klan) feel that they can beat us into submission, and King added that he is afraid someone will be killed. Both men agreed that President Johnson is preoccupied with the election and Mississippi (the situation in Mississippi where three civil rights workers have been missing since June 21, 1964). King stated he will tell the press that the government is not protecting them. According to Jones, the "hard core" in the South will not respect the Civil Rights Bill, and they agree that the government will have to enforce it.

Jones stated that he will get some people to work sending telegrams. King indicated that he is considering having a march on the White House to protest actions in St. Augustine and Mississippi.

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 25, 1964, that Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones conferred on that date. Levison related that he had recently met with Adele Kantor (employee of the New York Office of the SCLC), and had worked on a new statement to be issued in an effort to collect money for SCLC activities in St. Augustine, Alabama and Mississippi.

Jones suggested that they (Levison and Kantor) contact Reverend Martin Luther King and secure his permission prior to issuing the statement.

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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RE: RICHARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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February 5, 1964

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[REDACTED]

Grand Rapids 2, Michigan

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of January 30, 1964, with enclosures, has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. I regret I am unable to be of help in this instance and trust you will understand the reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning correspondent and [REDACTED]. His enclosures are the well-known flier depicting Reverend King at the Highlander Folk School and a tear sheet from his publication citing Reverend King as the "Man of the Year."

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January 30, 1964

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Dr. Edgar J. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Government
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Hoover:

In a recent issue of [REDACTED] a copy of which is enclosed, I ran an editorial expressing my agreement with Time magazine for their choice of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as their "Man of the Year" for 1963.

One of our readers sent to us the enclosed tearsheet from some newspaper which portends to show a picture of Martin Luther King at a Communist training school. I am not sure that I recognize him in the group.

I am interested in learning about some of the charges mentioned in the legend accompanying this picture. Is it true that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations--more than any Communist in the United States? Do you or any of your officials recognize Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, or for that matter, Dr. Martin Luther King in this photo? Also, is it true that the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., is the Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party? Please also, may I have any information you may have concerning whether the Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, in Tennessee, is a school for Communist training. I would appreciate very much any information you can give with regard to these questions. Thank you kindly.

Sincerely yours,

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The Supreme Court decisions outlawing prayer and Bible reading in the public schools, as well as the question of federal aid to church schools, point up the inability of what was once a Protestant majority in the United States to win sufficient converts to hold its place in a pluralistic society, as well as the awesome and growing power of big government. The churches, apparently unable to influence legislation through the witness of individual Christians in government, seem increasingly to be using ecclesiastical pressures to gain their goals, and thus becoming ever more involved in government and in a sense dependent upon it. Some of them gave active support to equal rights for the Negro, if not in their own churches and neighborhoods, at least on the national scene.

Our secular society seems at times both to despise and to delight in its moral decadence, but it comes up with no solutions for our disintegrating moral standards and our growing moral corruption. Evangelical Christians who know something of the transforming power of Jesus Christ could witness more effectively to our secular society by a more consistent Christian answer, not only to the race problem but also to other compromising situations in their own lives. The Supreme Court decisions are not only evidence that ours is a pluralistic society, but, even more, they reveal a secularism which finds less and less place for religion outside of the church walls, except for a few moments when a President is assassinated.

But God is not leaving Himself without witness. There are signs of hope. The response to the Billy Graham California Crusade reveals both spiritual hunger and spiritual vitality. One does not need to believe in "speaking in tongues" to see in the charismatic revival a hunger for reality in religion; one does not need to be a Roman Catholic to see in the efforts at reform within that Church the same working of the Spirit of God. We can have confidence that if men choose to resist the Gospel and quench the Spirit in some areas, God will raise up His witness to be carried on in other places by other men.

"Man of the Year"

Congratulations to Dr. Martin Luther King for being named "Man of the Year" by *Time* magazine. We appreciate the choice and are glad to see this honored recognition of the religious leadership and motivation in the Negro revolution. Commenting on their choice *Time* said: "Few can explain the extraordinary King mystique. Yet he possesses an inexpressible capacity for empathy that is the touchstone of leadership. By deed and by preaching, he has stirred in his people a Christian forbearance that nourishes hope and smothers injustice. It is with an inner strength so tenaciously rooted in Christian concepts that King has made himself the unchallenged voice of the Negro people — and the disquieting voice of the whites. That voice in turn has infused the Negroes themselves with the fiber that gives their revolution its true stature."

Thank God for Martin Luther King and the many other Negro ministers who have not stood on the

lines. They have made their people's struggle for equal rights their own. They have given to the Negro revolution a religious character. Much of our spirit is church centered, related to the Negro knowledge of the Bible, in which he quietly identifies himself with the Israelites delivered from Egyptian bondage under the leadership of Moses.

It is to our shame that we in the white churches have seemed so little concerned and been so little involved. Only a few of us, we trust, are guilty of prejudice against people because of their race, but many of us, we fear, have been too content not to realize the full plight of the Negro in our country. Race prejudice keeps him from living, next door and his living a distance away permits us the luxury of forgetting about his problem. Out of sight, out of mind. We are plenty busy with many other things, anyway.

Some people believe that it is now too late for white Christians and their churches to become actively involved in this cause for justice and equality, inherent in our Christian tradition. It may be so. It may be that legislation and judicial action, and economic expedience and political opportunity will by themselves bring about the desired changes. If this must be, let it be so. But it were better for us to come to the Negro's aid late than not at all. It just might be that the real aid he needs must come, after all, not by anything won through legislation or politics, but through changed hearts and lives.

Listen! I hear Someone saying: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." L.H.J.

Opponents of Christ

As I read and studied about these Biblical scholars it became obvious to me that the more they knew about the Bible the less they believed the Bible. And to me that plainly said that any man who came to know it all would probably believe none of it. So what's the matter?

That is exactly the impression that Biblical scholars made upon me and I might have stayed in the blindness of my unbelief except for the fact that I noticed such people do not help anybody. And I said to myself, if they're so smart why don't they produce?

In those days I did not miss the contrast between the smart critics of Scripture and such simply-intentioned folk as those of the Salvation Army, whom I considered childish. The Salvation Army, standing on the street corners and behaving in what I thought to be a foolish manner actually turned more men to God than those smart intellectuals did. As a matter of fact, both then and since I have noticed that some scholars turn more people away from God than they turn toward God. And I could tell you some pathetic stories of people I have known whose faith was actually taken away from them by smart men who knew so much that they didn't have to believe the Bible as it is written. Of such people I would say, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

— Manford Geo. Gutzke, in
The Presbyterian Journal

YOUTH PAGE

THAT FACE ACROSS THE TABLE

BY CORNELIUS VAN HEEST



How important is it to you whose face will sit across the breakfast table from you each morning? What difference does it make what accompanies that "face"? How much will that "face" affect your life? Must we consider that "face" a permanent fixture in your home, or is it exchangeable like an outdated automobile? How will that "face" change through the years? What effect will these changes have on your happiness, success, fulfillment of ambitions, etc.?

Often these questions are crowded out by the romance and the thrill of dating and courtship. Premarital counseling often becomes the setting for the raising of these questions. Sometimes they can find adequate answers before the wedding date. More often time removes the possibility of adequate preparation for marriage. The pastor's role as premarital counselor is vital. But it should be a time when the conclusions are reached or reviewed, rather than a time for beginning to ask serious questions.

When do you think preparation for marriage should begin? Is this one of the subjects which can be postponed for consideration until the occasion presents itself in the form of an eligible marriage partner? Or should views on the subject of marriage be formed independently of the "ob-

ject"? Should your parents' marriage, as you observe it, be the standard for your own marriage? Should a Christian's views on marriage be determined by the views of the society in which he lives? or by the principles given in God's revelation to man?

Actually, preparation for marriage begins the moment we are born. Unconsciously, we are forming ideas which later will have a great influence on our decisions. Conscious preparation for marriage is best begun before one is emotionally influenced by a particular individual for whom one might set aside principles, common sense, or even important convictions. Our parents' marriage affects our thinking, unconsciously at least. Should not the fact that no marriage is perfect require us to adjust our concept of marriage in some conscious way? Christian parents are genuinely concerned about the future of their children and therefore can be expected to be genuinely concerned about their children's marriages. Conversation with them, where there is mutual love and respect, can be very helpful.

With whom have you discussed the subject of marriage? With your friends who are also seeking answers? With adults whose approach to the subject is limited to the physical, sociological, and psychological aspects? With youth counselors and pastors who can add the deeper dimension

of the spiritual? With your parents who understand you far better than you would care to admit?

Marriage is a matter which not only fully requires a long-range view, but because marriage is the present fact of your circle of friends does not necessarily make it advisable for you to. Guilt feelings for your past sexual conduct are not reason enough for taking the step of entering into a marriage relationship. Fear or presence of pregnancy becomes the deciding factor in an increasing number of marriages. In other cases the absence of love, affection, and sympathy at the time motivates a search for the fulfillment of these desires, which end in a hasty decision to marry. An objective examination of motivation in marriage can be a startling study.

In 1900, half of all men were married by the age of 26 and half of all women by 23. Today, most men are married by the age of 23, and women before they are 20. Estimates of some indicate that one out of six brides is 17 or younger.

Divorce statistics can be frightening for those considering marriage. One out of four marriages today, it is predicted, will end in divorce. The rate of divorce is worst among those who marry under the age of 18.

What is your attitude toward a relationship held by some that "marriage is a relationship of convenience, entered in divorce if it does not 'work'?" Is it true that "sex is a commodity designed to be exploited, used as an end in itself with no regard for the person involved"? Do you accept the idea that "the bedroom is a place for romance, where there is really no room for suffering, bearing another's burdens, or a mutual sharing of life?"

The Bible teaches that sex is a gift of God, not something to be ashamed of or something to be used as an instrument of amusement. Built into this gift are God's plans for the continuation of the human race and.

(Continued on page 20)

The Rev. Cornelius A. Van Heest is pastor of the Lisha's Kill Reformed Church of Schenectady, New York.

MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

These "Four Horsemen" of racial agitation have brought tension, disturbance, strife and violence in their advancement of the Communist doctrine of "racial nationalism."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

MR. BELMONT
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. DE LOACH
MR. EVANS

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The Attorney General called and stated he had heard that there had been some discussion about a report on Martin Luther King before the Rooney Committee and also some discussion about the Department of Justice wanted to recall that report and he, the Attorney General, wanted to recall our conversation about it because someone got the impression he, the Attorney General, requested it be recalled. I told the Attorney General that the only discussion before the Rooney Committee was off the record; that there was inquiry off the record as to the association of Martin Luther King with the Communist movement and I reviewed the information that we had developed in the monograph and said copies of the monograph had been delivered to the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the White House, and that it was later recalled because it was feared it might leak out. I stated one of the members of the Committee, a Republican, made the statement he thought it ought to be exposed and Chairman Rooney said he thought information of that kind should be kept in the back of the head rather than come out as public information. I stated I made the remark that that was the intention in recalling the document. The Attorney General stated he understands that they are saying he had requested it be withdrawn. I stated it was nothing of the kind; that in other words he, the Attorney General, and I had talked about it several times and he had questioned the wisdom of its distribution and I indicated I would have the document withdrawn and I did. The Attorney General stated he did not want to have the idea that he had requested it. I stated both of us had feared a leak might get out from the Departments which had copies of the monograph; and if it happened during a sensitive time of negotiations going on with the Negro leaders, it would have caused a ruckus insofar as King was concerned.

The Attorney General said another thing he was calling about is that Mr. DeLoach said to Ed Guthman that the Attorney General should be concerned about the letter written about King and speaking on behalf of the FBI, if they were his, the Attorney General, they would be concerned. The Attorney General

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February 3, 1964

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, Belmont, Rosen, Sullivan, DeLoach, Evans

stated he did not know what is going on with this thing, that he just knew the letter was cleared with the FBI before it was sent. I stated I did not know what the letter is, that I would check on it because that is a new development I had not heard about. The Attorney General stated that just last weekend he heard that there was apparently some conspiracy on the part of President Kennedy and himself in connection with this; that he did not mind it coming out, but he wanted the facts. I stated there was no discussion on the record at all, it was all off the record and as I had stated, there was one member who thought this information about King ought to be exposed and Rooney spoke up that it is better at times to have matters of this kind in the back of the head rather than have it leak out or be disseminated, and I stated that was the intention of recalling the document. The Attorney General stated he remembered the conversation we had had. I stated in regard to this matter of some letter that DeLoach mentioned, I did not know what that is about and I would talk to DeLoach about it and check on it.

10:00 AM

Hunter Pitts V.C.D. 11 C

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I called the Attorney General and advised him I spoke to DeLoach about it and he emphatically denies he made any such statement to Guthman; DeLoach said Guthman came around to see him yesterday about the fact the press is getting information regarding Martin Luther King which concerned him. DeLoach says his remark was it also concerned us because it impairs any sources of information we might have. I continued that there was a reporter in Atlanta who, I believe, arrived in Washington yesterday and who is doing an article for the Saturday Evening Post exposing King; that while he was in Atlanta he made the statement down there concerning O'Dell's connection with the Communist Party and was concerned about Levison writing King's speeches and he was then coming on to Washington to see the Department people here to supplement this or get any additional information he could. I stated that gives us great concern because of the fact what Levison does, that is a highly confidential matter from one of our informants who is associated with Levison. I stated there has been a leak somewhere concerning that particular thing, but at no time was any reference made concerning the fact that he, the Attorney General, should be concerned about any letter he wrote.

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RE:

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(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1105

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Mr. W. C. Sullivan

January 31, 1964

Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

New York airtel and letterhead memorandum 1/23/64 disclose plans of Martin Luther King to be in the New York area 2/5-6/64 for a talk at Drew College, Madison, New Jersey, 2/5/64, and a talk at the New York School for Social Research 2/6/64. A Gandhi Society lunch 2/6/64 in New York City is also part of King's plans.

On 1/30/64 I spoke to ASAC Roney of the New York Office on the phone and, pursuant to my instructions, New York will make every possible effort to effect appropriate coverage of King during the period indicated so that we may develop information of an intelligence and/or counterintelligence value. New York is not to take any direct steps relative to sensitive-type coverage but will give it full consideration and communicate with the Bureau for authority should they anticipate possible use.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information. You will be further advised or any positive information developed relative to the foregoing.

100-3-116

1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Forsyth
- 1 - Mr. Ryan

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-47520)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
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(OO: Atlanta)

DATE: 1/31/64

Enclosed to the Bureau is the original of a reprint from "The Augusta Courier," dated 7/8/63, captioned, "MARTIN LUTHER KING.....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL." One Xerox copy of this throwaway is enclosed for the Atlanta, Savannah and Los Angeles offices.

This throwaway was furnished to the Newark Office by [REDACTED] New Jersey, who advised that he assumes that he received the throwaway because [REDACTED] Open Housing Committee [REDACTED] New Jersey.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING... AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Trans-mission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
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New York, New York
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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro Question
Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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On January 28, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Cleve (Robinson) on that date. Jones mentioned that Martin Luther King is due in New York on February 5th. Jones indicated that King would like to get together with Cleve in order to develop a program which would consist of "the role of labor advisor and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and how labor could work on behalf of the SCLC". Cleve mentioned that he will be at a convention in Miami on February 5th and will return to New York on February 9th, and he also mentioned that he would be available on February 10th and 11th. Jones said that he would try to arrange something. Jones stated he would like Cleve to give some thought to the integration struggle and unemployment and how the labor movement can work in those areas. Cleve said that he "can arm Martin with certain facts, which he has to know, to use as a lever to move the masses".

Cleveland Robinson holds an executive position, Secretary-Treasurer, with District 65 of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO).

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A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 27, 1964, that, on that date, the person who is editing Martin Luther King's forthcoming book, Hermine Popper, was in contact with Stanley Levison. They discussed this book with respect to King's handling of President Johnson and Levison commented that King is hesitant to praise Johnson too much because he is not sure of Johnson's final position on civil rights. (S)

Popper discussed several items which appeared in a letter of King, written while he was in jail in Birmingham, which had not actually occurred at the time. Levison stated that King later edited this letter and inserted the additional material. He advised her to include it but to be very general, for example, in the part about police dogs attacking six unarmed Negro children, she should omit the six and put in the rest. (S)

They also discussed the theme of the book which has to do with making the Negro movement for economic progress tie in with the President's war on poverty. Levison said that Clarence Jones told him that he, Jones, and King discussed this at length at the meeting in North Carolina and that they wanted the Negro movement to advocate economic progress, not only for the Negro, but for the poor whites in the South in order to tie in Negro economic progress with the President's war against poverty. (S)

It is noted that a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) meeting was held at Black Mountain, North Carolina, in January, 1964, which was attended by Clarence Jones. The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for the SCLC for 1964.


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Levison and Popper also discussed the fact that Burke Marshall, of the Justice Department, had been scheduled to speak at the Urban League in Westchester County. Popper said she had heard that Governor Rockefeller had changed this because Marshall is a Democrat and that King had been substituted in Marshall's place. She said she did not want King to be used as a political pawn, Levison advised her to tell King about it and let King make up his own mind.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA).

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The source was unable to furnish any additional information regarding the "Rustin matter."



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Re: Communist Party,
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On January 29, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Stanley Levison on that date. During the course of their conversation, Levison stated that Adele Cantor starts to work (for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)) on Monday (February 3, 1964) and that he and Jack (O'Dell) will get together with her to explain her duties. Jones stated that Ruth (Bailey), an employee of the New York Office of the SCLC, will get all of her back pay and that she will be given the opportunity to stay with the SCLC but not in the position she holds now. Jones mentioned that Ruth has been told a specialist is replacing Jack. Levison asked if it would be all right for Adele Cantor to work at the Gandhi Society while doing her SCLC work so that she would not be with Ruth at least until after "the matter of Bayard (Rustin) is settled."

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Levison suggested that since the school boycott may fail because of lack of interest, Bayard (Rustin) should call Martin Luther King and suggest that King cut tapes to be played every half hour on those New York City radio stations "beamed at Negroes" suggesting that they boycott the schools. Jones indicated he thought this was a great idea, and Levison said he would arrange the financing of this. Levison also said if King does not have time to cut these tapes, Bayard should do it. Levison advised that "this radio technique" has worked in the past and should work now.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who is also known as Jack O'Dell, was formerly employed as Administrator for the SCLC Office in New York.

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The New York City school boycott, which is scheduled to take place on February 3, 1964, is a proposed demonstration protesting segregation in the public schools. Bayard Rustin has been given the task of organizing the New York demonstration.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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REBUTEL JAN. TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

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[REDACTED] MILWAUKEE PD, ADVISED ON JAN. TWENTY-SEVEN LAST AT TEN THIRTY PM THAT A NUMBER OF BOMB THREATS HAD BEEN RECEIVED RE KING'S APPEARANCE IN MILWAUKEE. THE FIRST WAS RECEIVED BY THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL AT ELEVEN TWENTY-FIVE AM, JAN. TWENTY-SEVEN LAST, TWO RECEIVED BY MILWAUKEE PD DURING AFTERNOON, ONE RECEIVED BY MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPT. AT EIGHT PM, AND THE LAST BY THE PD AT NINE THIRTY PM. MILWAUKEE PD THOROUGHLY SEARCHED AUDITORIUM AFTER FIRST CALL AND AGAIN AT SIX PM, CLOSED ALL EXCEPT MAIN ENTRANCES AND SCRUTINIZED PERSONS COMING INTO AUDITORIUM. RALLY TRANSPIRED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND KING DEPARTED BY AUTOMOBILE FOR CHICAGO, ILL. AT APPROXIMATELY TEN FIFTEEN PM, JAN. TWENTY-SEVEN LAST. PD INVESTIGATION REFLECTS NO TWO CALLS WERE PLACED BY SAME PERSON. LHM FOLLOWS.

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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Supervisor [redacted] is
instructed to report to the office of Assistant
Director W. C. Sullivan at 9 a.m., 2/3/64, for a
one-day conference.

NOTE:

See memo Baumgardner to Sullivan dated
1/28/64 captioned "Communist Party, USA, Negro
Question, Communist Influence in Racial Matters,
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WISCONSIN, JANUARY 27, 1964
RACIAL MATTERS;
BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

Re Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, 1/27/64

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a bomb threat involving a speech to be given by Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING at the Milwaukee Auditorium on January 27, 1964. Copy furnished INTC, Milwaukee.

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VISIT OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING
TO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JANUARY 27, 1964
RACIAL MATTERS; BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

An article appearing in "The Milwaukee Sentinel" newspaper on December 16, 1963 stated that the Reverend Martin Luther King would appear at the Milwaukee Auditorium on January 27, 1964 where he would address a public rally.

At 1:30 p.m. on January 27, 1964 [REDACTED] Milwaukee Police Department, advised that he received the following information from [REDACTED] City Desk, "Milwaukee Journal" newspaper:

At 11:25 a.m. on January 27, 1964 Esther Ermi, telephone operator, "Milwaukee Journal", received a call from a male voice which she is unable to describe beyond the fact that it was calm and middle aged, which caller stated that there was going to be a bomb planted in the Arena tonight. The caller then hung up.

b7(c) It is noted that the Arena and Milwaukee Auditorium are adjoining buildings.

[REDACTED] advised that the Milwaukee Police Department was providing a guard service for Reverend Martin Luther King while he is in Milwaukee and that the Police Department thoroughly checked the Auditorium in an effort to locate the bomb and that the Police Department would also recheck the entire Auditorium prior to the time that Reverend King addresses the audience.

The above information was telephonically conveyed to [REDACTED] Military Intelligence, Milwaukee, Wisconsin at 2:00 p.m. on January 27, 1964.

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VISIT OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING TO
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JANUARY 27, 1964

At 10:30 p.m., January 27, 1964 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] furnished the following additional information:

He stated that in addition to the first bomb threat received by the "Milwaukee Journal" at 11:25 a.m. on January 27, 1964, two more bomb threats were received by the Milwaukee Police Department during the afternoon, one was received by the Milwaukee Fire Department at 8:00 p.m., and the last by the Milwaukee Police Department at 9:30 p.m. [REDACTED] advised that the Milwaukee Police Department had thoroughly searched the auditorium shortly after receipt of the first bomb threat and again at 6:00 p.m. shortly before Reverend Martin Luther King was scheduled to appear at the auditorium. The Milwaukee Police Department closed all entrances to the auditorium except the main entrances and carefully scrutinized all persons coming into the auditorium. According to [REDACTED] the rally transpired without any incident of any kind and the Reverend King departed by automobile for Chicago, Illinois at approximately 10:15 p.m. on January 27, 1964. The Police Department investigation reflected that no two calls had been placed by the same person. b7(c)

The additional information received from [REDACTED] was telephonically conveyed to [REDACTED] Military Intelligence, Milwaukee, Wisconsin at 10:35 p.m., January 27, 1964.

RE:

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BOMB THREAT IN CONNECTION WITH APPEARANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT PUBLIC RALLY, MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JANUARY TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR, BOMBING MATTERS.

RE MILWAUKEE TEL JANUARY TWENTY-SEVEN, LAST, CAPTIONED QUOTE VISIT OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING TO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JANUARY TWENTY-SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR, RACIAL MATTERS; CEUSA-RENO QUESTION-COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, I-C UNQUOTE.

BY MILWAUKEE TEL ADVISE RESULTS OF CHECK OF AUDITORIUM BY MILWAUKEE PD. ALSO ADVISE WHETHER THE PROGRAM PROCEEDED WITHOUT INCIDENT. IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT LHM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION CONTAINING ALL PERTINENT DETAILS THIS MATTER.

THE BUREAU SHOULD BE KEPT IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THIS TYPE SITUATION.

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NOTE: Martin Luther King, Jr., was scheduled to speak at public rally MI auditorium during evening 1/27/64. Anonymous caller stated bomb was planted in auditorium. MI PD providing guard service for King while in MI, thoroughly checked auditorium immediately after call & planned to reconvene auditorium prior to public rally. Military Intelligence was advised.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MILWAUKEE (157-112) 2P

VISIT OF REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING TO MILWAUKEE,
WISCONSIN, JANUARY TWENTY SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. RACIAL
MATTERS; CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION-COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL
MATTERS, IS-C.

REV. KING IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT A PUBLIC RALLY IN
THE MILWAUKEE AUDITORIUM DURING THE EVENING OF JANUARY
TWENTY SEVEN, SIXTY FOUR AT EIGHT P.M. THE SPEECH WILL BE
PRECEDED BY A RECEPTION ATTENDED BY APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY
FIVE MINISTERS AND THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF SPONSORING
ORGANIZATIONS. THIS COMMENCES AT SIX THIRTY P.M. ALSO IN
THE AUDITORIUM.

AT ONE THIRTY P.M. THIS DATE MI PD ADVISED OF RECEIPT
OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM [REDACTED] CITY DESK,
/MILWAUKEE JOURNAL./ AT ELEVEN TWENTY FIVE A.M. THIS DATE
[REDACTED] TELEPHONE OPERATOR, /MILWAUKEE JOURNAL/ RECEIVED
A CALL FROM A MALE VOICE WHICH SHE IS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE
BEYOND THE FACT THAT IT WAS CALM AND MIDDLE AGED STATING,
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"THERE IS GOING TO BE A BOMB PLANTED IN THE ARENA TONIGHT."
THE CALLER THEN HUNG UP.

MILWAUKEE PD, WHICH IS PROVIDING GUARD SERVICE FOR KING
WHILE IN MILWAUKEE, THOROUGHLY CHECKED THE AUDITORIUM
IMMEDIATELY, WILL RECHECK IT PRIOR TO THE MEETING THIS P.M.
AND WILL HAVE DETECTIVES STATIONED ABOUT THE PREMISES TO
CHECK ANY SUSPICIOUS PERSONS.

NOTE, THE CALLER REFERRED TO THE ARENA WHEREAS THE
RALLY AND THE RECEPTION ARE TO BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM.
THESE ARE ADJOINING BUILDINGS UNDER ONE ROOF.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE HAS BEEN ADVISED LOCALLY.

LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS
IS-C
(OO: NY)

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Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum dated 1/28/64; one copy enclosed for Atlanta and one for Newark.

Sources used in the letterhead memorandum are as follows:

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- 6 - Bureau (100-3-116) (Encls. 8) (RM)
 - (2) - 100-438794 (COMINFIL SCLC)
 - (2) - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
 - (1 - 157-970) (MARCH ON WASHINGTON)
- 1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Newark (100-) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
- 1 - New York (100-73250) (CLARENCE JONES) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-136585) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-111180) (STANLEY LEVISON) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-91330) (HUNTER PITTS O'DELL) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (414)
- 1 - New York (100-148289) (HARRY WACHTEL) (423)
- 1 - New York (100-86236) (CLEVELAND ROBINSON)
- 1 - New York (157-905) (MARCH ON WASHINGTON)
- 1 - New York (100-151548) (414)

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Agents who observed CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON on 1/24/64, were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the "unity meeting" on 1/3/64. b(2) b(7)(D)

Indices of the NYO contain no information identifiable with ADELE CANTOR.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED] b(2)

[REDACTED] These sources have furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the New York area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature. b(7)(D)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 28, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Re: Communist Party, United States
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Communist Influence In Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On January 23, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Theresa Butcher, an employee of the Gandhi Society Office, on that date. Butcher advised Jones that the Gandhi Society is overdrawn at the bank by \$400.00. Jones indicated to her that the Gandhi Society was attempting to borrow money.

On January 23, 1964, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Bill Alexander, who serves as an accountant for the Gandhi Society, contacted Clarence Jones on that date. During the course of their conversation, Alexander said that he plans to see Mortimer Caplin (Internal Revenue Service) personally when he goes to Washington, D.C., for the purpose of talking about the Gandhi Society's tax exemption.

On January 23, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information that Clarence Jones stated on that date he had just returned from a conference with Martin Luther King. Jones stated that at the meeting they discussed the accomplishments

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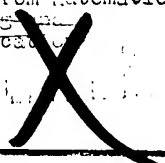
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(in the civil rights movement) for 1963, and the program for 1964. Jones mentioned that King had given him the job of reorganizing the New York Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Jones mentioned that Ruth Bailey, an employee of the New York Office of the SCLC, "will stay on but in a limited capacity".

Jones also mentioned that Martin Luther King will be in the New York area on February 5, 1964, to give a speech at Drew College in Madison, New Jersey, and he said that King would be in New York City, on February 6, 1964, for the purpose of giving a talk at the New York School for Social Research.

The source also furnished information that Harry Wachtel contacted Jones on January 23, 1964. Wachtel advised Jones that Martin Luther King plans to have a Gandhi Society lunch on February 6, 1964 (in New York City). Wachtel stated that King would be available from noon until 2:30 PM on that date. Wachtel also indicated that King would take that opportunity to discuss the "perspectives of the civil rights movement in 1964 and evaluate 1963". Wachtel also indicated that King would be in New York on the 31st (of January) for a "unity meeting".

On January 23, 1964, the first confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Theresa Butcher, an employee of the Gandhi Society Office, on that date. Jones instructed Butcher to make reservations for 25 people on February 6, 1964, for lunch at the Essex Hotel (30 West 54th Street, New York City), and he instructed that the reservation be made in the name of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, Incorporated, by Clarence E. Jones and Harry H. Wachtel. Jones mentioned that Bill Anderson, who serves as accountant for the Gandhi Society, was able to arrange a \$6,000 loan for the Gandhi Society.

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On January 23, 1964, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Bayard Rustin stated, on that date, the March on Washington Office is being closed on January 24, 1964, and that he would be at the War Resisters League, a pacifist Organization. Rustin also stated that he had been offered two jobs: one as Project Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), which he plans to reject, and the other as Special Assistant to Martin Luther King, which he plans to accept. Rustin indicated that he would have an office in New York, and that he would serve as liaison with labor and white church groups and would be in charge of direct action projects. He stated that he would have nothing to do with fund raising.

On January 23, 1964, a fourth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Stanley Levison, on that date, told his secretary, Toni Hamilton, that Adele Cantor (who is related to Gloria Cantor, the girlfriend of Clarence Jones), is going to work for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). The source also furnished information that Levison contacted Adele Cantor on that date. Levison told her that Clarence Jones had "cleared everything". Levison mentioned that the only problem in regard to getting Adele to work immediately is that Jack O'Dell is going to school to get his degree and that this week and next he will be taking examinations. Levison told her that O'Dell said that he would be glad to get together with her after his examinations. Levison indicated that she would start her employment with the SCLC after "he...get together with Jack O'Dell". In answer to Adele's question on when she could plan to start her employment with SCLC, Levison said that it would be a week from Monday (February 3, 1964). Levison advised her that he would be in touch with her in order to let her know where to report for work. Levison told her that he would mail her a form for the withholding (tax) which she could fill out and send back.

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On January 24, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information that Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones plan to meet on that date.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 24, 1964, observed Stanley Levison entering 165 Broadway, New York City (the building in which Clarence Jones has his law office), at 1:30 PM. At 1:40 PM, Agents observed Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison departing from 165 Broadway, and at 1:45 PM, they entered Chilas Restaurant, 196 Broadway, New York City, where they ate lunch. At 2:45 PM, they left the restaurant and separated.

On January 24, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Jack Greenberg, who is an Attorney with NAACP Legal Defense Fund, on that date. Jones told him that he and Harry Wachtel had an extensive talk with Martin Luther King and the SCLC Board and that a formal vote was taken by the SCLC authorizing Jones and Wachtel to work out a formal working relationship between the SCLC and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Jones stated the relationship will deal with legal matters in which the SCLC is interested. Jones said that this will be a significant year for Martin Luther King and the SCLC and it would help Greenberg, the NAACP, and Connie Motley (who is an Attorney for civil rights causes and who is running for the New York State Senate) to be in on it. Jones said he would like to meet with Greenberg, Motley and Wachtel, on January 30, 1964, at 1:00 PM.

On January 24, 1964, the second confidential source furnished information which indicated that Clarence Jones contacted Cleveland Robinson, who holds an executive position with District 65 of Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), on that date. Jones told Robinson that it is urgent that they meet. Jones said Martin Luther King has delegated him to discuss with Robinson "the labor advisory".

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situation and also the problem of Bayard (Rustin)". Jones said that King also asked him to discuss these two problems with Stanley Levison. They agreed to meet at Robinson's office, at 2:00 PM, on January 31, 1964, in order to discuss these problems.

On January 26, 1964, a fifth confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Stanley Levison contacted Ann Jones, who is the wife of Clarence Jones, on that date. Levison told her that Bayard Rustin has been made director of the school boycott. "When Ann Jones was advised of this, he remarked that it was 'interesting'".

In "The New York Times" of January 26, 1964, there appears an article captioned "School Boycotts Are Set in 3 Cities". In this article, it was stated that Reverend Milton A. Galamison, director of the proposed February 3 school boycott in New York, said that Bayard Rustin would organize the New York Demonstration. Mr. Galamison said Rustin would round up labor union support, speed fund-raising and do such things as organize motorcades. This is to be a demonstration against segregation.

The March on Washington, which took place in Washington, D.C., on August 28, 1963, was a civil rights demonstration.

Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who is also known as Jack O'Dell, was formerly employed as Administrator for the SCLC Office in New York.

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Stanley Levison was a secret member of the CPUSA. c

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Clarence Jones is the Vice President for
the Branch Office, For Union Square, 15
East 12th Street, New York City.

The U. S. has been designated pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

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Harry M. Jackson is a member of the
for the Gandhi Society, 100 West 11th Street, 15
East 10th Street, New York City. He resides
at 29 Split Rock Drive, Long Beach, Long
Island, New York.

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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of 'Nehru'". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 140.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cause of Communist lawbreakers, front men, men devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire there often is a bulwark of protection.'
(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for American Citizens, No. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

RE:

BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1165

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: January 28, 1964

FROM : Mr. J. A. Sizoo *JAS*

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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA (CPUSA) *DATE 11-17-94 BY SP4JRM/MLA*
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS *6076*

I talked with SAC McMahon of Atlanta yesterday afternoon concerning the captioned case and specifically the travels of Martin Luther King. I noted to McMahon that the Milwaukee office advised us that King and his party stayed in Chicago on Sunday evening and apparently traveled to Milwaukee Monday morning. I asked if Atlanta was aware of the fact that King was going to stay overnight in Chicago Sunday night. I also asked if Atlanta was in possession of information indicating where King would be going when he left Milwaukee.

McMahon said the logs maintained by Atlanta contain no information concerning King's departure from Atlanta for Milwaukee but that a telephone call had been received at 4:03 p.m. from King's secretary, Dora McDonald, who was then in Milwaukee. She made reference to the fact that she, Walker, and King were in Milwaukee and would be leaving Chicago at 8:15 a.m. 1/28 via Delta Airlines for Atlanta, arriving 10:52 a.m.

Since SAC Baker of Milwaukee had previously indicated that King would be leaving Milwaukee at 11:00 p.m. Monday, it appears that the King party will proceed from Milwaukee to Chicago where they will stay overnight and take the early morning flight for Atlanta. In view of the short stay of this group in Chicago, no arrangements are being made to cover King's activities there.

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This is for information.

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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. J.A. Sizoo

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FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-7)

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BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS

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DATE 11-17-86 BY SP4 JRM/ML
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Re Denver telephone call to Bureau 1/26/64.

Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was in Denver, Colorado during the period 1/24/64-1/26/64, and while here made various public appearances.

Enclosed are the original and sever copies of a letterhead memorandum, instant caption, which sets forth information concerning a bomb threat received incidental to his appearance at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 3240 Adams Street, Denver, Colorado at 11:00 a.m. on 1/26/64.

Reverend KING also spoke at 4:00 p.m. at the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1930 Dahlia Street, Denver, Colorado, but there were no incidents in conjunction with his appearance on that occasion.

Newspaper clippings relating to his appearance in the Denver area are being furnished separately.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Denver, Colorado
January 27, 1964

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

At 10:48 a.m., January 26, 1964 the Denver Police Department advised they had just been contacted by the Denver Fire Department. The fire department had received a phone call in which the anonymous caller threatened to bomb the Macedonia Baptist Church, 3240 Adams Street, Denver, Colorado. The Denver Police Department had dispatched a car to the church.

At 11:00 a.m., January 26, 1964, the above information was furnished to [REDACTED], 113th INTC, Denver.

Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., nationally known Negro figure, was in Denver, Colorado January 24, 1964-January 26, 1964, during which time he made numerous public appearances. At 11:00 a.m., January 26, 1964 he spoke at the above-mentioned church, and at 4:00 p.m., on the same date, he spoke at the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street.

[REDACTED] of the East Denver Precinct, Denver Police Department, advised upon receipt of the threat information he immediately proceeded to the Macedonia Baptist Church and advised Reverend KING of the threat. The church was searched but Reverend KING did not want it evacuated.

[REDACTED] advised he was also going to have the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church searched as an extra precaution.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: 1/26/64

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING,
BOMBING MATTER

ASAC John F. Morley, Denver Office, called at 12:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST) and furnished the following information. At 10:45 a.m. MST the Denver Fire Department received a call from a "Mr. Adams" who said there was a bomb in the Macedonia Baptist Church, 3240 Adams Street. The police department was immediately notified, and the Denver Police Department in turn advised the Denver Office of the Bureau at 10:48 a.m. MST.

The Denver Office contacted [REDACTED] of the Denver precinct wherein the church was located and he advised the information was given to Reverend Martin Luther King who was to address the 11 a.m. service. King showed no concern over the threat and did not want the church evacuated. [REDACTED] advised the church was not evacuated.

b7(c) Martin Luther King is in Denver for a three-day period January 24 - 26, 1964, during which time he is to speak in various churches and will make a second appearance today in Denver at 4 p.m. MST, at the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 1980 Dahlia Street. [REDACTED] advised that after furnishing above information to K.L.J., he ordered the Montview church to be searched due to the previous bomb scare at the Macedonia Baptist Church in the same general area.

Denver Office advised the local military authorities at 11 a.m. MST, upon receipt of the original information.

Denver Office is maintaining liaison with police should there be any subsequent bomb scares involving King. No investigation is being conducted by Denver. Press inquiries, if received, will be answered to the effect no investigation being conducted Denver Office.

This information is being telephonically furnished to the Bureau since the threat could possibly result in wide-spread public interest because it involved Martin Luther King a national figure.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING

Airtel and Letterhead Memorandum will be submitted by
Denver Monday, January 27, 1964, same caption.

ACTION:

Bureau will be advised if anything of interest
develops. Mr. McGowan and Mr. DeLoach's office advised of above
today.

AS *KJH* *com/10-1* *gff*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CHARLOTTE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN /CHARLOTTE	DATE 1/24/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/22-23/64
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; Anonymous Telephone Call Concerning Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Asheville, N. C., 1/22/64		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT	

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Two extra copies are furnished the Bureau for dissemination for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., file if deemed appropriate.

b7(c) [REDACTED] of Asheville, N. C., Airport, advised that he informed [REDACTED] Federal Aviation Agency, Asheville, N. C., concerning this matter on the night of 1/22/64.

b7(c) SA [REDACTED] on the night of 1/22/64 advised [REDACTED] ICG Officer, at Asheville, N. C., concerning this matter.

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A letterhead memorandum has been submitted to the Bureau regarding this matter.

One copy of this report is designated for Atlanta in view of the fact that MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., is President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and has offices at 334 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga., and that the plane in this case departed Asheville, N. C., for Atlanta, Ga.

One copy of the report is being furnished the Birmingham Office for information in view of the fact that the call in this case was allegedly a long-distance call from Birmingham, Alabama.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Asheville, N. C.

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7(c)

Date: 1/24/64

Office:

CHARLOTTE

Field Office File No.: Charlotte 149-83

Bureau File No.:

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Anonymous Telephone Call Concerning
Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
Asheville, North Carolina, January 22, 1964

Character:

DESTRUCTION OF AIRCRAFT

Synopsis:

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Anonymous telephone call received approximately 8:10 p.m., 1/22/64, at United Airlines, Asheville, N. C., Airport. Female alleged to be telephone operator in Birmingham, Alabama, asked for Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING. KING would not take call but call taken by his assistant, WYATT TEE WALKER. WALKER advised person on other end of line, thought to be white female, guessed to be 38-44 years of age, stated "You had better get that S.O.B. out of Asheville, North Carolina. I hope there is a bomb on the plane." WALKER stated the caller then hung up. Piedmont Airlines Flight 45 scheduled to depart Asheville, N. C., 8:31 p.m., 1/22/64, searched by local authorities and airline officials. No bomb found and plane departed for Atlanta, Ga., 11:17 p.m., 1/22/64, with KING and staff members and other passengers. FAA and ICG notified. USA, Asheville, N. C., advised did not think facts constituted Federal violation.

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DETAIL:

AT ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

This investigation was predicated upon information telephonically furnished by [REDACTED] b7(c)
[REDACTED] Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Asheville, North Carolina, at 8:30 p.m., January 22, 1964.

Date January 24, 1964

[REDACTED] b7(c)
Buncombe County Sheriff's Office, Asheville, North Carolina, stated that he had received a call from one of the deputies from that office from the Asheville Airport where Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and members of his staff were scheduled to depart on Piedmont Airlines Flight 45 at 8:31 p.m. that same day. He stated that according to his deputy at the airport, one of Reverend KING's assistants accepted a long-distance telephone call, allegedly from Birmingham, Alabama, and that the unidentified person calling said something about a bomb on the plane. He stated that the plane was being held for a search by his men and that the details regarding the telephone call could be obtained from Reverend KING's chief assistant, name unknown, who was standing by at the Asheville Airport.

[REDACTED] b7(c) stated that he had received a call from a female caller on January 21, 1964, who refused to give her identity and who said something about they better get MARTIN LUTHER KING out of Black Mountain before somebody kills him, and then hung up. He stated that between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. on January 22, 1964, he received two calls from a female, thought to be the same person who called the day before, and wanted to know where KING and his party were staying and that the second time she called she wanted to know what flight he was supposed to leave Asheville, North Carolina, on. He stated that he thought the woman sounded as if she were drunk and that he did not attempt to give her any information. He stated that the female did not identify herself.

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On 1/22/64 at Asheville, N. C. File # Charlotte 149-83

by SA [REDACTED] b7(c) Date dictated 1/24/64

Date January 24, 1964

b7(c) [redacted] United Airlines, Asheville Airport, Asheville, North Carolina, advised that at about 8:10 p.m., January 22, 1964, a telephone call came to the United Airlines telephone and that the female calling stated that she was the long-distance operator from Birmingham, Alabama, and asked if he could page Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [redacted] stated that he saw Reverend KING and members of his staff standing nearby and told Reverend KING he had a long-distance telephone call from Birmingham, Alabama. He stated that Reverend KING would not accept the call but asked his assistant, WYATT TEE WALKER, to take the call. [redacted] stated that WALKER asked him, [redacted] to find out the identity of the person calling. [redacted] stated that when he told the operator that Reverend KING would not accept the call unless he knew the identity of the person calling that the operator paused momentarily and then stated that the party on the other end did not desire to give his identity. [redacted] stated that he thought he heard a male muffled voice in the background. [redacted] stated that the operator then told him that the party would not give his identity but would speak to Reverend KING's assistant.

[redacted] stated that at first he was convinced that it was actually the long-distance operator because the female voice was clear like that of an operator, but that when he could not hear her talking to the party on the other end and when he heard a muffled male voice, he became suspicious that it was probably a local call and perhaps was not a long-distance operator talking with him. He stated that he then turned the phone over to Reverend KING's assistant.

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On 1/22/64 at Asheville, N. C. File # Charlotte 149-83by SA [redacted] b7(c) Date dictated 1/24/64

January 24, 1964

Date

WYATT TEE WALKER, Executive Assistant to the President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, advised that about 8:10 to 8:12 p.m., January 22, 1964, he took a telephone call at the office of the United Airlines at Asheville, North Carolina, Airport. He stated that when he took the telephone he identified himself and that the person on the other end of the line, thought to be a white female, age about 33-44, stated "You had better get that S.O.B. out of Asheville, North Carolina. I hope there is a bomb on the plane." He stated that he started to thank the party calling and at that time she hung up. He stated that he could not say whether it was actually a long-distance call or whether it was a local call. He stated that he had no idea as to who the caller could have been.

Mr. WALKER stated that on the afternoon that Reverend KING and members of his party arrived at Asheville they proceeded to Black Mountain, North Carolina, and that some members of the party noticed about a 1960 white Oldsmobile driven by a white male, which appeared to be following their party. He stated this matter was called to the attention of a North Carolina Highway Patrolman whom they saw on the highway near Black Mountain. Mr. WALKER stated that he had no idea whether or not that could have had any connection with the telephone call.

Mr. WALKER stated that the departure time of Reverend KING's party and the exact flight which they were going to take was not known by anyone other than members of their party.

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On 1/22/64 at Asheville, N. C. File # Charlotte 149-83
by SA [REDACTED] b7(c) Date dictated 1/24/64

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b7(c) On January 22, 1964, [REDACTED] of the Asheville, North Carolina, Airport, advised that Piedmont Flight 45, which was due to depart Asheville, North Carolina, at 8:31 p.m. for Atlanta, Georgia, was searched by local authorities and airline employees and that a check of the mail on the plane was made by the local authorities and airline employees in the presence of a United States Post Office employee in view of the fact that that mail was to go on Piedmont Flight 45. [REDACTED] stated that no bomb was found on the plane and that the plane departed for Atlanta, Georgia, at 11:17 p.m. with Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., members of his staff and other passengers.

On January 23, 1964, the above facts were discussed with WILLIAM MEDFORD, United States Attorney, Asheville, North Carolina, and he advised that he did not feel that the facts constituted a Federal violation and stated that he did not think that further investigation was warranted.

SAC, Atlanta (100-6520)

January 24, 1964

Director, FBI (100-3-116)

1 - Mr. Ryan
1 - Mr. Forsyth

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
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b7(c)

Atlanta letter to Bureau, copies to New York, 12/31/63, reported information in the first complete paragraph, page 4, that Martin Luther King, Jr., had indicated he intended to go to Mexico on a vacation this year (probably meaning 1964). King told an acquaintance that he would go with the same individuals with whom he had gone previously, namely Gardner, Marshal Sheppard, Rudy Thomas and John Drew. A lead was set out for New York to advise the Bureau and Atlanta if these names are familiar to the New York Office as having any subversive backgrounds.

New York should furnish the results of its indices checks concerning these individuals. Atlanta should follow closely any information received concerning vacation travel plans and vacation associates of King and keep the Bureau promptly advised of such information.

2 - New York (100-151548)

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1 - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

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TO. DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM. CHARLOTTE (149-NEW) 2-P

-UNSUB; ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL CONCERNING REV. MARTIN LUTHER

KING, JR., ASHEVILLE, N. C. JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFOUR. DESTRUCTION
OF AIRCRAFT; RACIAL MATTERS.

ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT UNITED AIR LINES, ASHEVILLE,
N. C. AIRPORT, TELEPHONE NUMBER A L DASH TWO DASH TWO FOUR ZERO FOUR
AT EIGHT TEN P. M. JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFOUR. FEMALE ALLEGED TO BE
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE OPERATOR IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA., ASKED FOR REV.
LUTHER KING. KING WOULD NOT TAKE CALL BUT CALL TAKEN BY KING-S
ASSISTANCE WYATT THE WALKER. WALKER ADVISED PERSON ON OTHER END OF
LINE THOUGHT BY HER TO BE WHITE FEMALE AGE THIRTYEIGHT TO FORTYFOUR
AND AFTER HE, WALKER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF, PERSON ON OTHER END OF LINE
SAID ~~STATE~~ "YOU AND BUTLER GET THAT S O B OUT OF ASHEVILLE, N. C.,
I HOPE THERE IS A SCOTCH ON THE PLANE" ~~END-CALL~~. ~~WALKER STATED CALLER~~
THEN HUNG UP.

PIEDMONT AIR LINES FLIGHT FORTYFIVE SCHEDULE TO DEPART
END PAGE ONE

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PAGE TWO

ASHEVILLE, N. C. EIGHT THIRTYONE P.M. SEARCHED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND AIR LINE OFFICIALS, NO BOMB FOUND AND PLANE DEPARTED FOR ATLANTA, GA., ELEVEN SEVENTEEN P. M. JAN. TWENTYTWO SIXTYFOUR WITH KING AND STAFF MEMBERS AND OTHER PASSENGERS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FBI AND CID NOTIFIED.

URGENT

FACTS BEING PRESENTED NOW, ASHEVILLE, N. C. JAN. TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFOUR.

ABOVE FURNISHED TO ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM FOR INFO.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-116)

1/22/64

SAC, HONOLULU (100-6313) (P)

CP, USA
Negro Question
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Re Atlanta letter 1/14/64.

Honolulu Telephone Directory indicates that 614-420 is listed to MARVA C. GARRETT, 86-164 Mail11111 Road, Honolulu.

Mrs. MARVA GARRETT is President of the Honolulu Chapter of the NAACP. Honolulu sources have reported no evidence of any CP infiltration of this organization.

On 1/21/64 [REDACTED] OSI, Hickam Air Force Base, advised SA [REDACTED] that MARVA CHANEY GARRETT is still employed as an Information Clerk at MATS Terminal, Hickam Air Force Base. b7c

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5-Atlanta (100-6520)(RAM)
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(100-5586, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.)
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(157-169, WYATT T. WALKER)

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RE:

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI(100-3-116)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-151548)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 7 copies of a LHM dated 1/21/64; a copy is enclosed for Atlanta and one for Charlotte.

The source used in this LHM [REDACTED] b(2) b(7)(D)

Sources used in characterizations are as follows:

- 5 Bureau (ENCLS. 7) (RM)
- 1-100-158790 (BAYARD RUSTIN)
- 1-100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
- 1- Atlanta (100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (ENCL. 1) (INFO) (RM)
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This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret: because it contains information from [REDACTED] This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not jeopardize the valuable position of the informant in furnishing information of this nature.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Bureau 100-3-116

New York, New York
January 21, 1964

CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Communist Party, United States of America
Negro Question
Communist Influence
In Racial Matters
Internal Security-C

On January 19, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that on that date Bayard Rustin stated Martin Luther King wants him (Rustin) to come to a three day conference which King is holding in North Carolina. Rustin also stated that King told him that it was imperative that he come to this conference, and Rustin also mentioned that this conference would "bring 25 key people together."

On January 20, 1964, the same source furnished information that Rustin would take a United Airlines Flight from Newark, New Jersey, on January 20, 1964, at 12:30 p.m., and would arrive in Asheville, North Carolina, at 4:29 p.m. He also indicated that on Wednesday (January 22, 1964) he would depart from Asheville at 4:15 p.m. and arrive at Newark at 7:39 p.m.

With respect to the foregoing information, it is to be noted that Martin Luther King is having a "retreat conference" at Black Mountain, North Carolina, starting on January 20, 1964, which is to be attended by officials of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and others.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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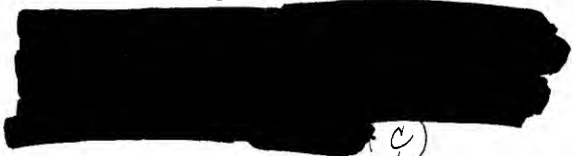
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On January 19, 1964, the same source furnished information which indicated that Bill Kunstler contacted Rustin on that date. Kunstler said he would like to meet with Rustin, but Rustin explained that he was leaving to spend three days with Martin Luther King. Rustin mentioned that he had been offered a job in the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), but he stated that he feels this is just an effort to control him and that he plans to reject it. Kunstler agreed that the NAACP wants "to put a blanket" on Rustin. Kunstler stated that both he and Arthur Kinoy would talk to Rustin upon his return from seeing King about the (civil rights) movement.



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William Kunstler is on the Board of Directors of the Gandhi Society For Human Rights.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 29, 1962, that a rally was held on October 24, 1962, sponsored by the New York Council to Abolish the House Un - American Activities Committee at the Manhattan Center, 34th Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City. William Kunstler spoke at the rally and told the audience that the House Committee on Un - American Activities (HCUA) interferes with social progress and the brotherhood of man. Kunstler called for the abolition of the HCUA.

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 3, 1962, that Kunstler had had the "Daily Worker" delivered to his home in Port Chester, New York.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
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The "New York Herald Tribune" issue of August 14, 1963, page 7, column 1, contains an article captioned "Thurmond Assails A Leader of March". The article stated that, in answer to charges by Senator Strom Thurmond, Bayard Rustin admitted joining the Young Communist League (YCL) in 1936. Rustin also reportedly stated that he broke completely with the YCL in June, 1941.

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", issue of February 25, 1957, page 1, column 1, contained an article which stated that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was one of eight non-communist observers at the Communist Party National Convention in 1957.

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APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH
THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES
COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 11, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On May 6, 1963, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

All sources have furnished reliable information in the past.

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COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS
ATLANTA DIVISION

Re Atlanta letter 12/17/63. *Must. King*

The current telephone directory for Los Angeles, reflects that Reverend A. A. PETERS resides at 1833 Buckingham Road, Los Angeles.

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On January 15, 1964, IC [REDACTED] caused a check to be made of records of [REDACTED] in Los Angeles. These records reveal that Reverend ARTHUR ATLAS PETERS, wife CADYDE MARE PETERS, lives at 1833 Buckingham Road, Los Angeles, formerly at 1188 East 54th Street, Los Angeles, and is minister at the Victory Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

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SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN
RACIAL MATTERS. IS-C.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAS CONTACTED TODAY BY A MR. WHITE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT AT A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT ALONG WITH ROY WILKINSON AND OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS FOR A CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE AT 11 A.M., JANUARY 18 NEXT. THE INFORMANT INDICATES THAT KING PLANS TO LEAVE ATLANTA ON MORNING OF JANUARY 18, 1964 IN ORDER TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.

NO OTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
NEGRO QUESTION
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Yesterday afternoon (1/15/64) I talked on the telephone with our Atlanta Office and at that time spoke with SA [redacted] who is working on the Martin Luther King case. [redacted] advised me that he is a very close personal friend of [redacted]

[redacted] Realizing what a scoundrel King is, [redacted] began to think about possible ways and means of exposing King which would be of benefit to the Bureau. While talking to [redacted] on other matters, [redacted] theorized with [redacted] about men of questionable character in public life and did [redacted] think they should be exposed. [redacted] took a strong stand on the matter and said it would be a public service if some people were exposed. Of course, no reference at all was made to King by [redacted] said that knowing [redacted] personally and getting his views indirectly on this general subject matter leads [redacted] to believe that if at any time in the future the Bureau would want to utilize [redacted] and his [redacted] it could be done very securely.

I thanked [redacted] for his interest in this matter and told him that this type of thing would be handled out of the Bureau headquarters and that if we thought this particular person could be utilized he would be advised but to take no action until that time.

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To: SACs, Charlotte (157-260)
Atlanta (100-6520)
New York (100-151548)

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From: Director, FBI (100-3-116)

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ReATlet to the Bureau, copies to Charlotte and New York, 12/31/63 which revealed plans for a retreat which Martin Luther King, Jr., and his associates in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference planned to have on property owned by the Episcopal Church near Asheville, North Carolina. The original plan was for this retreat to take place 1/6-8/64 and also to be invited were some people in the current Negro movement possibly not directly a part of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

ReCEairtel to the Bureau, copies to Atlanta and New York, 1/7/64 which disclosed the results of a discreet inquiry made which determined that the site of the retreat would likely be the In-The-Oaks Episcopal Center, Black Mountain, North Carolina. Charlotte requested advice as to what coverage of the retreat was desired and that no open investigation would be conducted unless requested by Atlanta, New York, or the Bureau.

For the information of Charlotte, subsequent information developed revealed that the retreat is now scheduled to take place the latter part of January, 1964.

① - 100-106670 (Martin Luther King, Jr.)
① - 100-438794 (Southern Christian Leadership Conference)

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Because of the extremely discreet nature of the Bureau's inquiry to date concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and because the retreat may involve the legitimate activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, no coverage whatsoever of the retreat itself is desired. Of course, if any of the receiving offices should receive information, particularly through sensitive sources available to Atlanta and New York, concerning activities taking place at the retreat, the Bureau and interested offices should be advised.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum dated January 10, 1964, and four copies to Atlanta. u

The source used in the letterhead memorandum is as follows: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b(1)

[REDACTED] b(1)

The agents who observed CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON meet in the lobby of the NY Hilton Hotel the morning of 1/8/64 are as follows:

[REDACTED] b7(c)

The agents who observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JONES, LEVISON, LEE, WALKER and ABERNATHY leaving the NY Hilton Hotel on the evening of 1/8/64 are as follows:

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It was ascertained by discreet use of the "House" telephone that KING and his party had checked out of the NY Hilton Hotel at 5:00 PM, 1/8/64.

This letterhead memorandum has been classified "Secret" because it contains information from [REDACTED]. b(2) b(7)(D)
This source has furnished highly sensitive information with respect to the racial situation in the NY area and Communist infiltration thereof, and it is felt that this classification is necessary in order not to jeopardize the valuable positions of the informants in furnishing information of this nature.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
January 10, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to

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On January 4, 1964, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated that Martin Luther King contacted Clarence Jones on that date. During the course of their discussion, King indicated that Ralph (Abernathy) and Wyatt (Walker) will be at the New York meeting, and he said that fund raising will be discussed with Billy Rowe. According to King, the meeting will start at 10:00 AM on January 6, 1964. King also mentioned that he would stay at the New York Hilton Hotel. King stated that he would bring with him a financial report of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and he indicated that this may help to straighten out the mess in the New York Chapter.

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On January 9, 1964, the same confidential source furnished information that Clarence Jones mentioned "they" had discussed the SCLC yesterday. Jones said that it had been decided that there would be a complete revamping of the New York Office of the SCLC. He also mentioned that it had been decided that the New York Office of the SCLC would be closed at its present location and moved to some

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location at midtown Manhattan. Jones indicated that in the new office there would be only white, women employees and that a full time employee would earn from \$100.00 to \$150.00 a week. According to the source, Ann Jones, who is the wife of Clarence Jones, said she would be interested in employment there.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on January 8, 1964, observed Stanley Levison entering the New York Hilton Hotel, 6th Avenue and 53rd Street, at 9:41 AM. Clarence Jones was observed entering the New York Hilton Hotel at 9:52 AM. Jones and Levison met in the lobby and then took an elevator to the 33rd floor. At 4:59 PM, on January 8, 1964, agents observed Martin Luther King, Stanley Levison, and Clarence Jones departing from the New York Hilton Hotel. Bernard Lee, Wyatt T. Walker and Ralph D. Abernathy were also observed departing from the hotel at this time.

Ralph D. Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC.

Wyatt T. Walker is Executive Assistant to the President of the SCLC.

Martin Luther King is President of the SCLC.

Bernard Lee is an Assistant to Martin Luther King.

Billy Rowe is a public relations man in New York City, and has been given the task of fund raising for the SCLC.

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Communist Party, United States of America
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CL [REDACTED] b(1)
Levison was a secret member of the Communist
Party, United States of America.

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Re: Communist Party, United States
of America - Negro question
Communist Influence in Right Matters
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Clarence Jones is the General Counsel for
the Gandhi Society For Human Rights, 15
East 40th Street, New York City.

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The U.L has been designated pursuant to
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